

Soviet Says U.S. Tried to Kidnap Aide Of Tokyo Embassy

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MOSCOW, April 13 (AP) —

The Soviet Union has accused the United States of trying to kidnap the First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Tokyo. Tass, the official Soviet news agency reporting the protest today, said it had been made to the United States Embassy in Moscow yesterday. The envoy named in the incident was Georgi Pokrovski.

A United States embassy spokesman confirmed that the protest had been received but declined to comment.

The brief Tass account charged that "American intelligence agencies" had attempted the kidnapping, but gave no details.

The Soviet Foreign Ministry insisted "that the United States Government take measures to prevent any such actions in respect to Soviet citizens in the future," saying "American intelligence has already resorted more than once to such rude provocations."

In the past Moscow has charged that Soviet citizens who were trying to defect were the victims of kidnapping attempts.

Envoy Declines to Comment

TOKYO, Thursday, April 14 (AP)—Georgi Pokrovski, First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy here, refused to comment on the incident today.

In a telephone interview, Mr. Pokrovski said: "I would not like to speak about this matter. You can get details from Japanese police or Japanese authorities."

Asked about the Tass report, a Tokyo police spokesman said: "We don't know anything about such an incident. This is the first time we hear of such a report."

Under Study in Washington

WASHINGTON, April 13 (AP)—Robert J. McCloskey, State Department press officer, confirmed today that a Soviet protest had been received and said it was "under study here."

Mr. McCloskey said the Soviet note "is their version of an alleged incident in Tokyo involving allegedly a secretary of the Soviet Embassy."

"We do not know for a fact that he [Prokovski] had disappeared," Mr. McCloskey declared.

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